Fuel supply problem in Travancore.

8. **Mr. T. M. Chidambarathanu Pillai:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that the fuel supply problem in Travancore has become acute especially in the towns owing to the abnormal increase in their prices and the scarcity of supply; and

(*b*) whether they will be pleased to open Government Fuel Depots in important towns controlling their prices and thus reducing the grievances of the public in the matter?

Rajyasevapravina G. Parameswaran Pillai:

(*a*) There has been an increase in the price of fuel as in the case of other essential commodities.

(*b*) Government do not consider that the establishment of Government Depots is necessary.

Grow more food policy.

9. **Mr. V. N. Padmanabha Pillai** (*Parur, Kunnatnad and Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the various measures adopted by the Government towards implementing their "grow more food" policy after the present food scarcity arose;

(*b*) the total extent of land available for paddy cultivation within the forest area;

(*c*) how much of this has been utilised for paddy cultivation till the end of 1119;

(*d*) the reasons for the rest of the abovesaid area, if any, not being utilised for the paddy cultivation;

(*e*) what was the method employed to determine the area available for paddy cultivation within the forests;

(*f*) whether they are aware that there are Government lands outside the forest which can be made available for paddy cultivation without detriment to public interests;

(*g*) whether they have taken any steps to ascertain whether there are such lands and if so, what steps;

(*h*) whether they are aware that there are vast areas of registered paddy lands which can be made more productive by opening irrigation works; and

(*i*) whether they have created any agency to ascertain whether there are such lands?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: (*a*) (i) Opening of departmental manure depots and stocking of artificial fertilisers for sale to ryots at cost price and on crop loan basis.

(ii) Manufacture of compost manure with town refuse and nightsoil and leaf mould obtained from Reserved Forest areas for augmenting the local production of manures.

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